Japanese Encephalitis

3133. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Japanese Encephalitis has taken a heavy toll in several States :

(b) whether Government have any plans to take up inoculation of anti-encephalitis vaccine in endemic areas and other selected areas to prevent breaking out of epidemics; and

(c) what other measures Government proposes to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) During 1988, 5920 cases and 2009 deaths due to Japanese Encephalitis have been reported from the States of Asssam, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Goa, Karnataka, Manipur, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

(b) Field trials with indigenously produced Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine are being undertaken in Japanese Encephalitis prone areas of Assam, Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Maharasthra. The field trials will be extended to other areas depending on the availability of the vaccine.

(c) An Action Plan for control of Japanese Encephalitis has been prepared on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Centre and State Governments concerned which envisages the following:—

—Regular residual insecticidal spraying with BHC 50% wdp.

—Malathion fogging/Focal PHC spraying.

—Early diagnosis and prompt treatment of Japanese Encephalitis cases.

—Sero epidemiological surveillance of human population, animal reservoir & vector.

—Health Education.

—Vaccine trials.

—Training & Research.

Recurrence of Malaria in the Country

3134. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a recurrence of Malaria and other Mosquito borne diseases in the country in a big way;

(b) if so, what is the incidence of these diseases during the year 1988; and

(c) whether Government porpose to take up large scale spraying operations to control the above menace?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There is no recurrence of malaria and other mosquito borne diseases in the country in a big way.

(b) During 1988, (Provisional) 14,72,059 persons were affected due to malaria and 5,920 persons due to Japanese Encephalitis in the country.

(c) Since 1977, under Modified Plan of Operation for National Malaria Eradication Programme the areas which are endemic for malaria are being regularly sprayed with the appropriate insecticide.

An action plan for control of Japanese Encephalitis has been drawn, which *inter-alia* provides for insecticidal spray in the districts reporting Japanese Encephalitis cases regularly every year.

Implementation of the Homoeopathic Council Act, 1973

3135. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position in implementing the provisions of section 26(2) of the Homoeopathy Central Council Act, 1973;

(b) what obstacles, if any, are being faced by the Central Council of Homoeopathy in the implementation of the said Act; and

(c) whether pending the implementation of the Act, Government propose to issue executive instructions to the effect that the doctors practising Homoeopathy in a State or Union Territory other than the state of their registration would not be subjected to any legal action ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) The implementation of the said provision is directly related to publication of Part II of the Central Register of Homoeopathy by the Registrar of the Central Council of Homoeopathy. The Council has reported that index cards for making preparation of alphabatised list of practitioners of Homoeopathy enrolled on the State Register of Homoeopathy in respect of Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Rajasthan, Punjab, Maharasthra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Orissa, Assam and Tamil Nadu have already been prepared for the maintenance of the Central Register of Homoeopathy. The work relating to preparation of index cards in respect of the practitioners of Homoeopathy on the State Register of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Meghalaya is in progress. The State Register of practitioners of Homoeopathy in respect of West Bengal is still awaited. Complete information with respect to the States of Bihar and Rajasthan is also awaited.

(c) No, Sir. There is no provision in the HCC Act, 1973, for issuing such instructions.

Study of Medicine system of China

3136. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to study in depth the medicine system of China for such a study could be of help in promoting medicine in the country ;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

(c) if the answer to para (a) above be in the negative what are the reasons therefor ; and whether Government are aware of the favourable reports given by many doctos who had visited and studied the medicine system there ; and

(d) if so, what steps would be taken to take advantage of these reports?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) India is already having its own traditional systems *e.g.* Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha which